

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 7-11, 13-17, and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend 5, 6, 12, and 18 as set forth below in the Listing of Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (canceled)

1 5. (currently amended) ~~The computer implemented method of claim 1~~ A computer implemented method comprising the steps of:

establishing a database of service providers for providing a predefined service;

receiving a purchase request for the predefined service from a buyer;

assigning the purchase request to a service provider in the database; and

returning a deliverable from the service provider to the buyer, wherein the step of

establishing a database of service providers for providing a predefined service includes:

adding ~~a service provider~~ the service provider to the database if the reputation of the service provider exceeds a predetermined threshold.

2 6. (currently amended) ~~The computer implemented method of claim 1~~ A computer implemented method comprising the steps of:

establishing a database of service providers for providing a predefined service;

receiving a purchase request for the predefined service from a buyer;

assigning the purchase request to a service provider in the database; and

returning a deliverable from the service provider to the buyer, wherein the step of

establishing a database of service providers for providing a predefined service
includes:

adding a ~~service provider~~ the service provider to the database if the reputation
of the service provider exceeds a predetermined threshold, in
accordance with ratings of that the service provider.

7-11. (canceled)

3 12. (currently amended) ~~The computer implemented method of claim 1~~ A computer
implemented method comprising the steps of:

02 establishing a database of service providers for providing a predefined service;

receiving a purchase request for the predefined service from a buyer;

assigning the purchase request to a service provider in the database; and

returning a deliverable from the service provider to the buyer, wherein the step of

receiving a purchase request for the predefined service from a buyer includes:

receiving a reputation threshold from a buyer used to determine potential
service providers.

13-17. (canceled)

4 18. (currently amended) ~~The computer implemented method of claim 1~~ A computer
implemented method comprising the steps of:

establishing a database of service providers for providing a predefined service;

receiving a purchase request for the predefined service from a buyer;

assigning the purchase request to a service provider in the database; and

returning a deliverable from the service provider to the buyer, wherein the step of

returning a deliverable from the service provider to the buyer includes:

adjusting a number of projects that the service provider is working on to

reflect that the service has been delivered to the buyer.

19. (canceled)
